BENGALURU, THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 www.Bangaloremirror.com 12 Pages PRICE ₹3

Bangalore Mirror

TEMP Max 36 | Min 22 | Humidity 71% Partly cloudy sky Sensex 72,493 | Nifty 22,147 | Gold 74,130 | Silver 85,600 | Dollar 83.53 | Euro 88.87 | GBP 103.67

Burning of dry leaves and dry waste dumped on roadside or vacant sites is choking RR Nagar

TRASH ON FIRE

Experts flag lack of public awareness, lax garbage collection

Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

The burning of dry leaves and garbage has become a nuisance and health concern for Raja Rajeshwari Nagar residents of late.

While the hapless residents are struggling to cope with pollution, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Solid Waste Management division's employees are finding it tough to attend to the problems.

The fire and emergency services personnel at Nagarabhavi fire station on the Jnanabharathi Campus are bombarded with phone calls from residents of the respective areas where garbage is being set on fire.

Environmental and social activists blamed lack of awareness among the public for the burning of dry leaves and dry waste dumped on the roadside or vacant sites.

They said leaving dry leaves on the roadside would not cause any environmental issues. They also criticised BBMP's SWM wing employees for not clearing waste on a regular basis.

"People are setting dry leaves and dry waste on fire due to lack of awareness. Shortage of water has become a hurdle for residents to put out fires on their own. Burning of dry leaves and

CONTINUED ON PAGE 9»

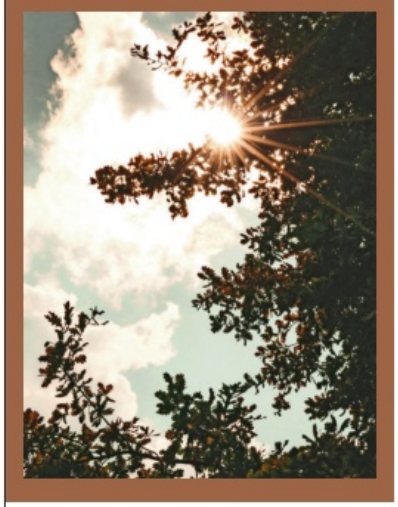
Garbage burning at BEML Layout on Wednesday morning

> "SWM workers start sweeping roads from morning to noon but the garbage tipper will collect the accumulated dry waste next day only
>
> —Datta Saraf, civil defence volunteer

CITY / PAGE 2

Trim & prim

Trimming of tree branches along Metro routes



CITY / PAGE 3

Scam buster

Expert tips to stop scammers in their path

A fair with the official participation of Top Canadian Universities and Colleges

FREE ENTRY

Meet 55+ Institute Delegates

A big choice of MASTER'S Degrees

33rd Canadian™ Universities & Colleges ADMISSIONS FAIR & WORKSHOP

Tomorrow

NOTE : Institutes list may vary as per city.

STUDY ABROAD canam™

Bangalore

19th April

(Fri) 10:30 am - 5 pm

Hotel Taj MG Road

MG Road

Meet University Delegates

Book your slot to attend the seminars on govt. updates

No Service Charges • Scholarship Application Fee Waivers*

Register online at www.canamgroup.com

Participating Universities & Colleges from Canada

Algonquin College
Bow Valley College
Brock University
Cambrian College
Carleton University
Centennial College
Coast Mountain College
Dalhousie University
Durham College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fanshawe College
Fleming College
George Brown College
Georgian College
Grenfell Campus, Memorial University
Humber College
Keyano College
Langara College
LaSalle College
Lakehead University
Loyalist College
MacEwan University
Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology
Navitas
- ICM@University of Manitoba
- FIC@Simon Fraser University
- TMUIC@Toronto Metropolitan University
- WLIC@Wilfrid Laurier University
- UICC@University of Lethbridge College
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Norquest College
North Island College
Northern College Timmins
Ontario Tech University
Royal Roads University
Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Sheridan College
St. Lawrence College
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Thompson Rivers University
Toronto Metropolitan University
University Canada West
University of Alberta
University of Guelph
University of Guelph-Humber
University of Lethbridge
University of Manitoba
University of New Brunswick
University of Niagara falls
University of the Fraser Valley
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
University of Winnipeg PACE
Vancouver Film School
Western Continuing Studies
Wilfrid Laurier University

*Select Institutes

BANGALORE-MG Road Office : E-1105-06, Prestige Meridian-1, 29 M.G. Road. Tel. 080-43711481-93, 70871 15087 Jayanagar Office : # 16, Dishan 1 Six, 2nd Floor, 9th Main Road, 3rd Block. Tel. 080 - 48358501, 70871 10531

3 THINGS TO DO

01 Book festival

Inviting all book lovers to explore the world of words at the Second Edition of 'Lulu Readers Fest', aimed at celebrating Indian authors and re-familiarising people, especially the younger generation, with the art of reading. The Fest features an amazing selection of books, engaging contests, interactive storytelling, and exciting workshops. In association with their book partner, Crossword, there will also be an extensive display and sale of books of different genres. **When: April 12 to 27; Where: North Atrium, Lulu Mall**

02 Water and heritage

Commemorate World Heritage Day 2024 with a talk on "Tanks and Wells: A Water Heritage with a Functional Future?" by Vishwanath Srikantaiah, the foremost water conservation expert in Bengaluru. Popularly known as Zenrainman, he is renowned for his tireless and pioneering efforts to find solutions to the country's freshwater crisis. The event will begin with a brief talk by the INTACH Bengaluru Chapter on the 'Kalyanis of Bengaluru.' **When: April 19, 5 pm; Where: National Gallery of Modern Art**

03 Electronic beats

Immerse yourself in the pulsating rhythms with Cristoph, the sensational DJ and producer hailing from Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. Known for his infectious beats and electrifying performances, Cristoph is poised to captivate the crowd with his pumping music. Joining him are Rohan Kapoor, Greg Tomaz, Sahil Madaan, and Dimo Mahtarp. **When: April 21, 4 pm onwards; Where: High Ultra Lounge**

BMRCL to get chop, chop with overgrown branches

Around 750 branches that can outgrow viaducts identified along Metro routes

Sridhar Vivan
sridhar.vivan
@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @sridharvMirror

Tree branches are to be trimmed along routes where the tree cover is dense

BMRCL oversees 74 km of viaducts on two current railway lines: the purple line between Whitefield and Challaghatta and the green line between Nagasandra and Silk Institute. Due to the dense green cover, approximately 750 tree branches are to be trimmed along these routes.

An official from BMRCL stated that this is a routine process carried out before and after the monsoon season that requires killed cutters and a hydraulic crane weighing around 60 tonnes. More than 370 branches on the purple line and 380 branches on the green line are to be trimmed. The bidding for the trimming process amounted to Rs 36 lakh.

The official elaborated that tree branches tend to grow beyond the viaducts. This can cause issues during rainy and windy seasons when these branches may come into contact with the viaducts. Given Bengaluru's frequent incidents of this nature, trees falling onto the viaducts can potentially damage the structures and disrupt signalling systems. Therefore, trimming the tree branches is essential.

The officials clarified that this process only involves trimming branches and not uprooting trees. Regarding specific locations, an official mentioned, "The green line, near Srirampura, Sampige Road, National College, Lalbagh, South End Circle, Jayanagar, RV Road, Banashankari, and JP Nagar, boasts a significant green cover adjacent to the viaduct. Similarly, in the purple line, Deepanjali Nagar, Attiguppe, Vijayanagara, Hosahalli, Magadi Road, Trinity, and Halasuru stations feature extensive greenery next to the viaduct." Recalling an incident on August 22, 2018, when a tree branch fell onto the third line (electricity supply line) between Lalbagh and Jayanagar stations, resulting in a power outage and a suspension of train services for 90 minutes, an official emphasised that BMRCL is cautious to avoid such occurrences.

Experts say that many weak trees fall during the rainy season. There is a call for BBMP to remove old and weak trees, as many have lost lives and vehicles have been damaged due to these incidents. In fact, there have been instances where 700 tree branches have fallen within a span of four days in the city. An expert said, "The monsoon brings heavy rainfall, which can lead to waterlogging around the tree's roots. Excessive water can weaken the soil's stability, causing the roots to lose their grip and making the tree susceptible to uprooting. Continuous rainfall can erode the soil around the tree's base, further compromising the stability of its root system. This erosion reduces the tree's ability to anchor itself securely, increasing the risk of it toppling over. Trees with shallow or weak root systems are more prone to falling during periods of heavy rain and strong winds. These trees may not have sufficient root depth or strength to withstand the added stress brought on by the monsoon weather conditions. Apart from these, weak trees are often more susceptible to diseases and pest infestations, which can compromise their structural integrity. These factors weaken the tree's overall health and make it more susceptible to falling during adverse weather conditions like monsoons. Moreover, older trees or those with structural defects, such as hollow trunks or damaged branches, are at higher risk of falling. The additional weight of water on leaves and branches can exacerbate existing weaknesses."

> **"There have been instances where 700 tree branches have fallen within a span of four days in the city** – Expert

12 govt schools in city get sanitary pad vending machines

Iffath Fathima
Iffath.Fathima@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Even today, a lack of menstrual hygiene management facilities in schools is a specific reason why girls drop out of school, even though financial hardships and a lack of family support still account for a large number of school dropouts in Bengaluru. Despite having fast-paced IT hubs, many regions of the city are still oblivious to menstrual hygiene.

Under the project Aorta-ForHer, the Aorta Foundation, a Bengaluru-based NGO, has installed sanitary pad vending machines at 12 government schools across the city, which include Hosahalli Government School, Karnataka High School, Basavanagudi, Moulana Azad Model School, Yelahanka and Minhajnagar, and Kengeri High School.

The students are encouraged to discuss menstrual hygiene topics with their mothers and other women at home through a three-hour workshop, said Aditi Kulkarni, vice president of the NGO. "Girls having irregular periods or related issues are guided to the NGO's partner gynaecologists for a clinical consultation. More than 1,500 girl students have already been able to access sanitary pads and not have to depend on school faculty or skip school during the menstrual cycle," she added. Having vending machines on school premises ensures access to menstrual hygiene products for students, especially those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who may not have easy access to sanitary pads. Proper menstrual hygiene management is essential for the health and well-being of girls; thereby, access to sanitary pads helps prevent infections and other health issues that can arise from using unhygienic alternatives. "Government-aided and government schools need not just the necessary infrastructure upgrades but also gender-sensitive restrooms or private spaces for changing pads. In addition to installing more than 30 sanitary pad vending machines to empower more than 6,000 girl students as they return to schools after vacations, we also hope to create a sanitary ecosystem with dustbins for disposing of sanitary waste and raise knowledge of menstrual hygiene management among school faculty," said the NGO's founder, Vishakh Venkat.

Honey, this trap is bitter reality

After latest victim from city reveals ordeal, expert has these tips for all to stop scammers in their path

Ahna Prakash
c-ahna.prakash@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

A man from Koramangala is the latest in the city to fall into a honey trap, instances of which have been on the rise due to increased online activity. The man from Koramangala is said to have befriended a woman online. The woman then proceeded to speak with him over a long period of time to gain his trust, and finally convinced him to do a video call.

On the video call, the victim revealed personal details about himself, and after this, extortion immediately started.

"Since the scammer had acquired a lot of information about this person and his family/friends etc, the threat given was to leak the video to everyone if a certain amount of money was not given," social worker Dushyant Dubey told Bangalore Mirror.

He added that he comes across over a dozen cases of honey traps in a month.

"And there are many more that go undocumented because the victim just panics and pays up. With more and more people turning towards the internet to find companionship, such scams are definitely on the rise. Human emotions are exploited and used for extortion," he added.

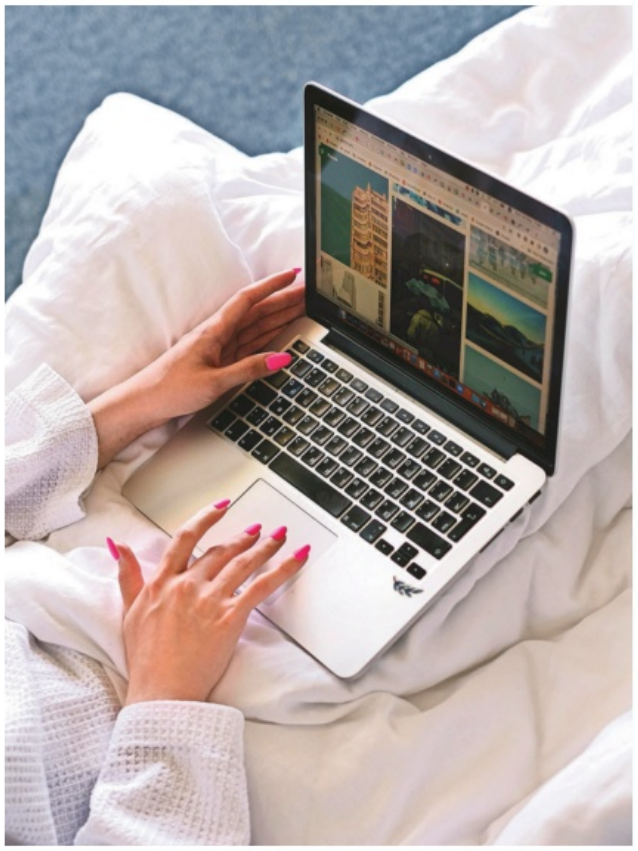
He said that the police are efficient in taking action in honey trap cases, however it is tricky to track down the culprits due to the nature of the crime.

"They do help by registering the FIR and investigating, but many of these scammers use VPNs and fake numbers or Telegram to carry out their scams which makes it more difficult for law enforcement to track them down. However, it is absolutely 100 percent important to report all such incidents to the police. They have the know-how and tools to deal with these situations," said Dubey.

He added that there is sometimes no end to this scam. Many times victims who have paid are used like piggy banks by the scammers to extort more and more money. The key is to never pay, block the scammer, and report the incident to the cops, he advised.

He said that the victim should also inform friends and family about such a scam taking place.

"It is a much better thing to do than to stay in fear of them finding out from the scammer. If you do this, you take all the power away from the scammer. People don't think as much about us as we tend to believe, and in such a situation, even if they might have a slightly critical opinion, they'll likely just move on within a few days from it, so it's better to just accept the situation and do what's required," added Dubey.



Scammers tend to use their victims as and when they need money and continue to extort them for long

"Inform friends and family about the scam. It is a much better thing to do than to stay in fear of them finding out from the scammer. If you do this, you take all the power from the scammer

Eviction threat haunts couple in Somasundarapalya

Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

A couple have accused some persons of forcefully trying to evict them from their house at Somasundarapalya in Bandepalya Police Station limits, though they have been paying property tax to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and have been living in the house for many years. They alleged that the accused have support of politicians and authorities.

The couple, James and Mary, have been residing near Somasundarapalya Lake for more than 30 years. "Gowri and her husband Bhaskar and others entered our home and threw furniture and other items outside and threatened us to vacate. We approached the police seeking protection. The police registered a NCR and did nothing," said Mary.

Even as James and Mary were yet to come out of the trauma, the accused persons are said to have entered their house and threatened them again on Monday. "We approached the Bandepalya police again but they did nothing. They did not even bother to take our complaint on Monday. We approached them again and they promised to look into it," said Mary.

James told Bangalore Mirror that he has faced no problems all these years except last month and on Monday. "We want police to act tough against those responsible for assaulting us on Monday morning. The accused persons are asking us to vacate the house by accepting whatever money they give us. We do not want to vacate the house," said James.

The couple approached Vijay Dennis, a social and RTI activist, seeking help. Dennis contacted police to help the couple. However, Bandepalya Police Inspector told BM that he has taken measures to register a FIR against the accused. "No one has the right to trespass into others' property and damage furniture and assault the owners of the property. We will register a FIR against the accused persons," the police inspector said.

It is learnt that the land belongs to the government. If so, how come the BBMP has been collecting the property tax from those who are in possession of the land is a question the activist and the couple raise.

Scores bid Dwarakish tearful adieu

A large number of people bid a tearful adieu to veteran Kannada actor, producer and director Dwarakish on Wednesday.

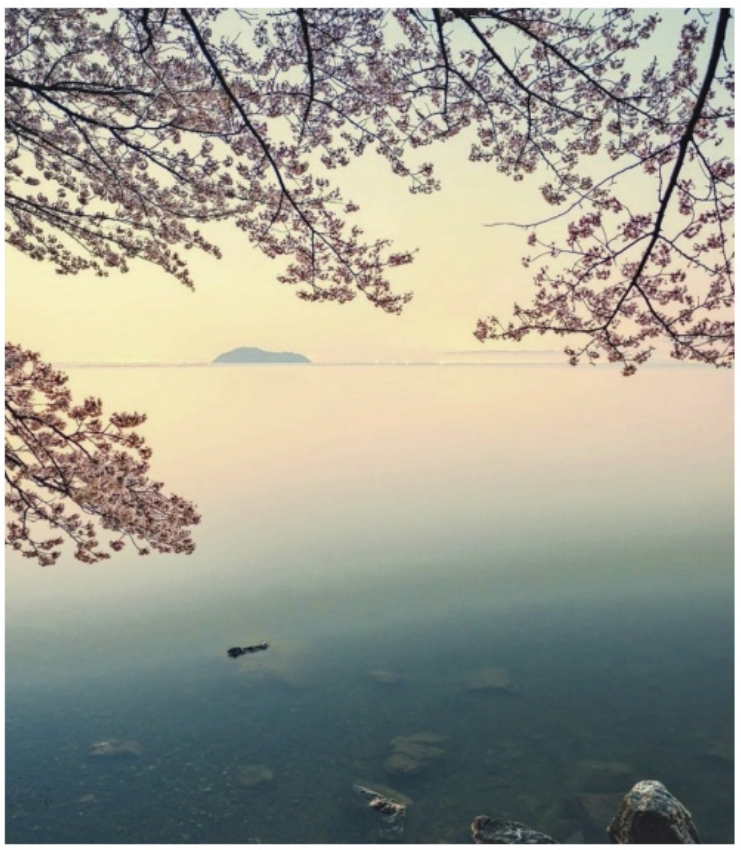
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and several personalities from Kannada film industry were among those who paid respects to the 81-year-old, whose body was kept at Ravindra Kalakshetra here before being taken to the Chamarajpet cremation ground, where his mortal remains were consigned to flames.

A doyen of Kannada film industry, Dwarakish, who passed away on Tuesday, had acted in over 90 movies and produced around 50 films and was best known for his roles as a comedian in a career spanning more than five decades.

Insufficient rain: Treated water to fill up city lakes

6,900 borewells have gone dry already due to poor water table: Deputy CM DKS

| Sridhar Vivan
sridhar.vivan@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @sridharvMirror



Bengaluru's treated water is filling lakes in the neighbouring Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts. The state government now plans to use the city's treated water to fill all the lakes in the city in the future. Deputy chief minister and Bengaluru district-in-charge minister DK Shivakumar said that it is time to plan to fill the city's lakes with treated water to avoid a water crisis. "There are more than 100 lakes in the city, and there is a need to protect them. If rainwater is not sufficient to fill them up, then treated water needs to be used so that groundwater is recharged. Currently, 6,900 borewells have gone dry due to the poor water table," he said.

Meanwhile, Karnataka's minor irrigation minister, NS Boseraju, recently issued a warning regarding the usage of treated water from the HN Valley and KC Valley irrigation projects for agricultural purposes. The Lift Irrigation Scheme, an integral part of these valleys, transports treated water to regions like Bengaluru Rural, Kolar, and Chikkaballapura, contributing to lake replenishment and groundwater level enhancement. The minister noted the successful elevation of groundwater levels due to the ongoing project, which facilitates agricultural activities through borewells. However, he raised concerns about instances where second-stage treated water is being improperly used for agriculture, which goes against project guidelines.

Boseraju cautioned against its direct application, stressing the importance of preserving the project's primary objectives. Authorities have been instructed to take decisive action against any violations. To ensure compliance, Boseraju directed officials to conduct regular inspections and prevent the direct utilization of treated water for agricultural purposes. He asserted that individuals found to be disregarding the regulations will face consequences, and officials failing to act appropriately will also be held accountable.

Karnataka stands sixth in the country in terms of sewage generation in urban areas. The state generates 4,458 million litres per day (MLD). The highest sewage generation (in MLD) is in Maharashtra (9,107), followed by Uttar Pradesh (8,263), Tamil Nadu (6,421), West Bengal (5,457), and Gujarat (5,013). It has 140 sewage treatment plants with an installed capacity of treating 2,712 MLD, and the overall operational treatment capacity of sewage in the state is 1,922 MLD.

As per the report published by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), sewage generation from areas in the country is estimated at 72,368 MLD, against which a treatment capacity of 31,841 MLD is available in various states. Out of this, the operational capacity of these sewage treatment plants was found to be 26,869 MLD in the country. Bishweswar Tudu, Minister of State for Jalashakti, said that it is the responsibility of states, UTs, and urban local bodies to ensure the cleanliness and development of rivers within their jurisdiction. As per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, industrial units are required to install effluent treatment plants (ETPs) and treat their effluents to comply with stipulated environmental standards before discharging into river and water bodies. "Accordingly, the CPCB, State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs), and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) monitor industries with respect to effluent discharge standards and take punitive action for non-compliance under the provisions of these acts. Besides, in compliance with the orders of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in Original Application No.673/2018 regarding the rejuvenation of polluted river stretches in the country, states and UTs are required to implement approved action plans for the restoration of the polluted stretches in their jurisdiction, as identified by the CPCB and published in their report of 2018, within the stipulated timelines."

> **"There are more than 100 lakes in the city, and there is a need to protect them. If rainwater is not sufficient to fill them up, then treated water needs to be used so that groundwater is recharged**
>
> – Deputy CM DK Shivakumar

Unrestored road spells disaster for motorists, raises concern

Residents say that the road has become a frequent accident spot, dangerous to motorists

| Melvin Mathew
c-melvin.mathew
@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMirror

Almost a year later, officials still haven't finished restoring the Outer Ring Road's (ORR) service road towards Nagarbhavi. Residents say that the stretch has turned into an accident spot.

Broken roads, often seen in the city, are a recipe for disaster. Usually, it begins with an uncoordinated dig-up by a civic agency, leaving the stretch in a complete mess. To fix the mess, another civic agency restores the road hastily as a stop-gap measure. The hasty work becomes the last restoration for the road until a major accident sparks concern. However, the place continues to be an accident spot until then.

"A year ago, the perfectly tarred ORR service road was dug up to lay 10k KV cable lines by Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) and was then covered with jellystones roughly six months ago. The civic officials have displayed apathy ever since. The site has also become prone to accidents," said Ajay of Swayam Jagruti.

Residents say that the stretch has become a frequent accident spot. "Due to the officials failing to restore the road properly, the stretch has become skid-prone for motorists. A lot of bikers get into accidents while commuting through the stretch. We are seeing at least two to three accidents daily," he added.

While the model of conduct is in place, residents want officials to take immediate action to avert a bigger disaster in the future. To ensure interdepartmental coordinated work in the city, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is supposed to provide permission for road cutting undertaken by civic agencies, and an agency undertaking permission is also required to restore the road. BBMP facilitates an online portal, allowing agencies to apply for permission online.

whatsapp MIRROR
9591233247
Problems in your area?
Send us a picture along with specific details. And please, no phone calls or spamming

Personalised rules?

KR Puram

Amid water scarcity, BBMP staff at the KR Puram BBMP office premises are using valuable water to clean vehicles. It seems there is no water shortage or fine for washing their vehicles.

To the road

Jayanagar

This homeowner has constructed permanent cement structures on the tar road and planted many plants at 4th T Block, Jayanagar, next to SSMRV Management College, causing inconvenience and traffic issues during the day.

Safety hazard

Kithaganur

Gas cylinders kept outside the shop on the road in Srinivasa Layout, Kithaganur, near Garden City College pose a dangerous hazard.

SPECIALIST HOSPITAL
A UNIT OF SPECIALIST HEALTH SYSTEMS PVT LTD

is now

TRILIFE HOSPITAL™

RESPONSIBLE WELLBEING

One of the
LARGEST OUTPATIENT CARE UNIT
in North Bengaluru

[NOW OPEN]
at the same Location

Proud to announce our
ADVANCED NEURO REHABILITATION & SPORTS MEDICINE CENTRE

Other Facilities Available • 24/7 EMERGENCY CARE • 24/7 CARDIAC CENTER • 24/7 PHARMACY • CRITICAL CARE • ORTHOPAEDICS • ROBOTIC JOINT REPLACEMENT • CATH LAB • NEURO SCIENCES • DIALYSIS CARE • NABL ACCREDITED LAB • GENERAL SURGERY • INTERNAL MEDICINE • ENDOCRINOLOGY • GASTROENTEROLOGY • GYNAECOLOGY • NEPHROLOGY • RHEUMATOLOGY • UROLOGY

#216, 7th Main Road, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043. 1800 420 2222 / 080-4212 2222 reachus@trilife.in

www.trilife.in

10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE

TIMES HEALTH
ALL INDIA MULTISPECIALITY HOSPITALS RANKING SURVEY 2024

6TH RANK MULTISPECIALITY HOSPITAL in Bengaluru

080 4601 1911

BRANDVAK*TRILIFE*02*04*24

Vote for the earth

In the face of global warming's fallout, over 70 civil society groups urge citizens to vote for clean environment, stable climate

A pedestrian walks past an election themed painting placed by art students along a street outside their class to encourage people to vote in upcoming general elections, in Mumbai on Wednesday

More than 70 environmental and civil society organisations on Wednesday urged citizens to evaluate India's performance with respect to environment and ecology in the last few years before exercising their franchise in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

These organisations include the National Alliance of People's Movements, People for Aravallis, Youth for Himalaya, Climate Front India, Fridays for Future, Alliance for Rivers in India, Indian Social Action Forum, United Conservation Movement (Karnataka), Aarey Conservation Group, Yugma Collective, and Save Pune Hills from Maharashtra; Endangered Himalaya (Himachal Pradesh), Van Gujjar Tribal Yuva Sangathan (Uttarakhand), Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan, Jharkhand Kisan Parishad, Jan Vikas Shakti Sangathan (Bihar), and UP Land Right Forum.

"As Indians prepare to vote in this year's Lok Sabha elections, it is crucial to consider the future of our democracy, especially the youth and their right to clean air and water security in the coming years as our country faces extreme impacts of climate change, including unpredictable rainfall, melting glaciers, and increasing pollution," they said in a joint statement.

They asked citizens to evaluate India's performance with respect to environment and ecology in the last few years along with other important factors such as "increase or decrease in quality of life, freedom of speech, democratic fabric of the nation, job creation, citizens' rights," etc before casting their vote.

The groups said that based on the latest scientific insights and environmental data, India ranked at the bottom of 180 countries in the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) of 2022 with extremely low scores across a range of critical issues.

> **"All dilutions in green and forest laws such as the Forest Conservation Amendment, Environment Impact Assessment, and others since 2014 must be reversed** –Civil society groups

"On one hand, there are high-scoring countries such as Denmark, the United Kingdom, and Finland, which have shown longstanding and continuing investments in policies that protect environmental health, preserve biodiversity and habitat, conserve natural resources, and decouple greenhouse gas emissions from economic growth, showing notable leadership and policies.

"At the other extreme is India at the bottom of the list with deteriorating air quality, rapidly rising greenhouse gas emissions, groundwater depletion, drying up and polluted rivers and water bodies, and mountains of waste everywhere," the statement said.

The civil society organisations said many crucial laws protecting India's environment and natural ecosystems such as the Forest Conservation Act and the Environment Impact Assessment Notification have been "weakened" in the last few years at a time when the country is grappling with worsening impacts of climate change.

The country's pristine forests, rivers, mountains and deserts are being exploited for coal, critical minerals, mega-infrastructure and dam projects, they said.

The groups said that India is facing a huge water crisis with 70 per cent of the country's groundwater aquifers having dried up and the rate of recharge being less than 10 per cent.

India was declared the third-most polluted country in 2023 according to a report released by Swiss air quality monitoring body, IQ Air, falling from eighth position in 2022. Out of the 50 most polluted cities in the world, 42 cities are now in India.

They asked political leaders to include community and civil society in the decision-making process pertaining to all local and national development works, and ensure that no diversion of forest and agricultural land takes place without gram sabha's consent.

"All dilutions in environment and forest laws such as the Forest Conservation Amendment, Environment Impact Assessment, and others since 2014 must be reversed. Full and effective implementation of the Environment Protection Act, Biodiversity Act, Forest Rights Act, PESA Act, and similar legislations that uphold the rights of nature and indigenous communities," they said.

The environmental groups also sought a ban on all projects related to interlinking and damming of rivers, blasting, tunnelling, and cutting of mountains, cumulative impact assessment studies and public referendums on the same.

They said all wetland must be notified under the Wetland Rules 2010 and all the rivers, johads (or pokhars), lakes, ponds, and other water bodies that have dried up across India must be revived and water recharge using traditional knowledge must be taken up at a war footing. –PTI

2024 Parliament Election

Khan promises justice for all

Mansoor Ali Khan, the Congress candidate for Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha Constituency, extended his wishes to the constituents of Sri Rama Navami. He garlanded the statue of Dr. BR Ambedkar at Murphy Town and campaigned in CV Raman Nagar and Shivaji Nagar Assembly constituencies on Wednesday.

After door-to-door campaigning across various neighbourhoods, Khan said, "Congress party stands as the sole provider of justice for marginalised groups such as the oppressed, impoverished, youth, women, and farmers across all strata and backgrounds. I want to highlight five key principles of justice; youth empowerment, agricultural support, partnership fairness, women's rights, and labour welfare. We pledge swift implementation of these measures within six months of assuming power at the Centre."

A roadshow was held in Ramaswamy Palya Ward, Shivajinagar, as part of the election campaign, led by Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad. The event was attended by prominent leaders.

–Prakash VL

Campaigning for phase 1 ends

The last day of the campaigning for the first phase of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections which will take place on April 19 witnessed intense electioneering by the top leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday.

As many as 102 parliamentary constituencies across 21 states and UTs will go to vote on April 19 - the first of the seven-phase election in the world's largest democracy.

The states and UTs in Phase 1 include Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who addressed public meetings in Assam's Nalbari and Agartala, unveiled BJP's "Viksit Vision" for the Northeast.

Congratulating people on Ram Navami and calling it a "historic occasion", Prime Minister Modi mentioned how, after a wait of 500 years, Lord Ram has finally graced the magnificent temple in Ayodhya.

Meanwhile, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, who began the day by addressing a joint press meeting in Ghaziabad along with Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, also addressed public meetings in Karnataka.

"I am here to tell the unemployed youth of Karnataka, Congress party is going to do a historic work for you," he assured people in Mandya.

As per the Election Commission of India, the largest electorate in the world – 96.88 crore are registered to vote for the forthcoming general elections in India. –IANS

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during a public meeting ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, in Mandya, on Wednesday

Child's risky ride on footrest: Guilty punished?

A video recently went viral depicting a woman with her son standing on a scooter's footrest while it was in motion. The incident occurred near Bengaluru's Graphite India Road in the Whitefield locality.

Originally shared on X, the video shows the woman holding the child while the child stands on the scooter's foldable footrest. The rider navigates turns cautiously to prevent the child from losing balance. The rider's identity remains undisclosed, with speculation suggesting it could be a family member or friend.

The license plate of the vehicle is noted on the video and concerns were raised regarding the actions of the people believed to be the parents of the child. Meanwhile, a picture also has been circulated of a traffic cop issuing a challan to a man with the same scooter in the background, indicating that necessary action has been taken by the authorities.

—BMB

YourCV JOBS FOR YOU

Nutriment®

CHITTARI AGRICARE PRIVATE LIMITED

A leading Manufacturer and Formulators of Straight Micronutrients, Mixture Micronutrients, Water soluble Fertilizers and Pesticides

JOB POSITIONS:

General Manager (Sales) (HQ : Bengaluru (Karnataka)

Qualification: Any Graduation OR 10-12 Years relevant field / experience (BSc.,/MSc in Agri, would be added advantage)
Experience: 10-12 years of Marketing in Micronutrients/ Fertilizers/ Pesticides field

Sales Executives / Sales Officers / Sales Representatives : (Throughout-Karnataka)

Qualification: Any Graduation OR 2-5 Years relevant field experience
Experience: 2-5 years of Marketing in Micronutrients/ Fertilizers/ Pesticides / Chemicals field

Production Coordinator : (HQ: Bengaluru)

Qualifications : BSc.,/MSc.,(Agri) OR Equivalent qualification
Experience: Minimum 3-5 years in Product Development and liaisoning work in Micronutrients/ Fertilizers/ Pesticides field

Apply within 10 days to :
CHITTARI AGRICARE PRIVATE LIMITED,
No. 69, 80 Feet Road, ITI Layout, Mallathahalli, Bangalore - 560 056 Karnataka State.
PH : 080 2318 9548 / 080 2318 9252
E-Mail : chittariagricarepltd@yahoo.co.in
Website : www.nutrimentgroup.com

KVM TRUST
• Education • Health • Disability
A prestigious consortium of educational and healthcare institutions, is seeking a visionary

GENERAL MANAGER

to lead and expand our diverse establishments. This role is a unique opportunity to steer a multi-faceted organization towards achieving the esteemed status of a University.

REQUIREMENTS: • A Master's degree in Business Administration, Education Management or relevant field; Ph.D is a plus. • Minimum of 10 years' experience in a senior management role, preferably in the education sector.

Salary will not be a constrain for the right candidate. Please send your resume, along with a cover letter detailing your experience, to : careerkvm@kvmtrust.in

• Engineering College • School of Management
• Pharmacy, Nursing, Paramedical Colleges • Polytechnic
• Arts & Science College • CBSE School • Psychiatry Hospital
• Geriatric Centre and College of Special Education
• School for Mentally Challenged

SRINIVAS UNIVERSITY
(ESTABLISHED UNDER KARNATAKA STATE ACT NO 42 OF 2013)
Srinivas Nagar, Surathkal, Mukka, Mangalore-574 146, Karnataka www.srinivasuniversity.edu.in
Email: job@srinivasuniversity.edu.in Ph: 0824 -2477866

Applications Invited for
DEAN / PROFESSOR / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR / ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Institute of Engineering & Technology

Position- Dean / Professor / Associate professor / Assistant professor
❖ Computer Science ❖ Networking ❖ Artificial Intelligence
❖ Cyber Security ❖ Cloud Technology ❖ Data Science
❖ Machine Learning
Qualification: Computer Science (M.Tech/MCA/with Ph.D.)
• Ph.D. in relevant field desirable for all the above positions.
• Salary as per AICTE norms.
Dean- 15 years experience out of which atleast 5 should be as Professor and HOD.
Professor- 10 years experience

Institute of Hotel Management & Tourism

Position- Dean

Qualifications:
• Master's Degree in Hotel Management/Tourism
• Minimum 10 Years of Experience in teaching
• At Least 5 years Experience in Hotel Industry
• Ph.D. in preferable
Salary: Commensurate with Experience & Expertise
Candidate with Professional dynamism & domain expertise will be preferred.

Apply online within a week: The Registrar, at the above address

CENTURION UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT
(Estd. Under Odisha Assembly Act 4 of 2010)
Regd.Office: At:Village Alluri Nagar, P.O.:R.Sitapur, Via-Uppalada Paralakhemundi, Pin-761211, Dist.:Gajapti, Odisha, India.
www.cutm.ac.in Ref. No.- CUTM/Adv/2024/003

FACULTY RECRUITMENT – 2024
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES
Paralakhemundi Campus, Odisha, Approved by VCI, Govt.of India
Recruitment of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors

Applications are invited from the prospective and eligible candidates for the above posts in following departments of School of Veterinary and Animal Sciences. All the applicants shall possess Basic degree B.V.Sc./B.V.Sc. &A.H. and registered with VCI/State Veterinary Council.

Sr.	Position	Department	Qualifications & Experience
1.	Professor	Veterinary Microbiology-1 Veterinary Pathology-1 Animal Genetics and Breeding-1 Animal Nutrition-1 Livestock Production Management-1 Veterinary Physiology-1	The Candidates shall hold a Ph.D. degree in the respective discipline. They should also have at least 5 years teaching experience as Associate Professor or equivalent in a Veterinary Institute / Colleges.
2.	Assistant Professor	Veterinary Microbiology-1 Veterinary Pathology-1 Animal Genetics and Breeding-1 Animal Nutrition-1	The Candidates shall hold a Ph.D. degree in the respective discipline. They should also have at least 5 years teaching experience as Assistant Professor or equivalent in a Veterinary Institute / Colleges.
3.	Assistant Professor	Veterinary Microbiology-2 Veterinary Pathology-3 Animal Genetics and Breeding-1 Animal Nutrition-1 Livestock Production Management-2 (Preferred Poultry Science) Veterinary Medicine-1	M.V. Sc. In the concerned discipline. (NET Qualified are preferred)

ATTRACTIVE REMUNERATION PACKAGE AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

The desired candidates (Fresher / Experienced/ Retired person with in the upper age limit of 70 years) are required to send their latest resume, photocopies of testimonials, publications and thesis abstract through mail (careers@cutm.ac.in / dean.sovas@cutm.ac.in / spnanda@cutm.ac.in /deanoffice.sovas@cutm.ac.in) on or before 25th April 2024.

JOY UNIVERSITY
Vadakangulam, Near Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli Dist. – 627116 Tamil Nadu

Joy University invites applications for VICE CHANCELLOR

• Should posses a visionary with proven Academic & Research credentials, Leadership qualities & Administrative capability in a University System.
• Should posses good knowledge & Experience in strategic relationships with Statutory Bodies & Industry Collaborations. • Canditates between 50-65 years of age is preferred.

Joy University invites Outstanding Academicians

With Ph.D. from IIT / BITS / IIM / IISER / IISc / IIIT / NIT / NALSAR / NID / NIPER / NIFT

Dean/Asso. Dean - School of Agriculture

Ph.D Faculty Positions: Professors | Associate Professors | Assistant Professors in
• Comp. Sc. & Engg.
• Mech Engg. | Aeronautical Engg.
• Fashion Design
• Electronics & Comm. Engg.
• Management
• Neurophysiology
• Medical Lab Tech.
• Physician Assistant
• Imaging & Radiology
• Cardiac Perfusion Tech.
• Finance
• Nursing
• Pharmacy
• Physiotherapy
• Optometry
• Dialysis Therapy
• Law
• Agriculture
• Mathematics
• Statistics
• English
• Tamil
• Psychology
• Physics
• Biotechnology
• Commerce

(Salary as per UGC Norms.)

Administrative / Technical / Non-Teaching Staff

Finance Officer - 1 No
(Min. 5 yrs of exp. & atleast 2 yrs as Dy. Finance Officer in a University).
ICWA / CS / CA or any equivalent degree from Finance Institute.

HR Manager - 1 No
(Min. 5 yrs of exp. as HR Manager in a University Setup)

HR Executive - 2 Nos
(Min. 3 yrs of exp. in a University Setup)
MBA from a premier Business School in Human Resource

Facility Manager - 1 No
(3-5 yrs with relevant experience)

Admin Assistant - 2 Nos

Office Executive - 2 Nos
Bachelor's Degree with good Oral, Written & Communication skills in English.

• Librarian/Dy. Librarian
• Asst. Librarian
• Lab Assistant
• Lab Technician
• Field Assistant
• Lab Instructor
• Office Assistant
• House Keeping
• Resident Assistant - Boys/Girls
• Lady Security Officer
• Secretary to Vice Chancellor
• Secretary to Registrar

Pl. send your CV to hrd@joyuniversity.edu.in within 7 days from date of advertisement. Call: 73735 24202

www.joyuniversity.edu.in

jobs

SITUATION VACANT

ACADEMIC

GENERAL

OPENING FOR TEACHING & PLACEMENT OFFICER POSITIONS - UG & PG PROGRAMS: Require qualified and experienced candidates for the post of Professor / Associate Prof with PhD in Management / Commerce, Asst. Professors (Part time / full time) with UGC-NET / MPhil / MBA / MCom / MFA / MSc / MCA / MTech / with specialization in Finance, Accounts, Audit & Taxation, POM, Marketing, Business Analytics, Computer science, Statistics, Life Sciences, MA in Kannada, English, Hindi & experienced Placement Officer, Digital and Marketing Manager, Web developer, HR, Music & Dance instructors, Receptionist, Electrician for a reputed Degree & PG College in Yelahanka, Bengaluru. Email resume and Certificate copies along with latest photograph within 7 days to: hrdept.aims@gmail.com / aimsrdirector@gmail.com .

TEACHER

A Unique Home School between Hoskote and Malur, B'lore District immediately requires suitably qualified and experienced PRIMARY and HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS (residential) for English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology - English fluency is mandatory. Good salary with free accommodation and food. Please share your credentials and resume to: vishranthifinance@gmail.com or WhatsApp 9606333471

CHAITANYA VIDYALAYA Palanahalli, Yelahanka. Requires teachers for Nursery, Primary & High School, (All subjects) IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT. Dedicated, Trained, Qualified,candidates may send their bio-data to chitra.ssrinivasan@gmail.com or contact 99450 31634 or 76763 87095. Fresh eligible candidates will also be considered for training and deployment.

WANTED Qualified LADY TEACHERS with D.Ed for Primary & B.A, B.Ed,(English, Social Science) for High School. Contact or Apply : 080-25263262/ 9108283363. LITTLE FLOWER ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, # 6, 16th 'B' Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-08.

KENNETH GEORGE ENGLISH SCHOOL, KGES Invites Applications From Qualified and Experienced Teachers for All Grades and Subjects. Mail your resume to: kennethgeorgeschool@gmail.com For further details: 7760226869

INFANT'S Indian High School, Austin Town. Wanted Qualified TEACHERS DEd/ BEd/ PGT in Maths, Science, Kannada, Hindi, Physical Education & Office Assistant. Walk in Interview: 9845199606

JAKKUR & Sahakaranagar Eurokids Preschool Require TEACHERS & COUNSELLORS with good English. Call 9886433307/ 9886400307

N.E.T. PUBLIC SCHOOL
Affiliated to CISCE, New Delhi
Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-19
REQUIRES TEACHERS
Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics for **HIGH SCHOOL**
Basavanagudi & Vijayanagara Branch
netpublicschool@gmail.com
080-26611418, 98450 11418

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVES

WANTED Assistant Field Officer for Securities and Housekeeping Agency. Location Bangalore. Contact : 9901676595, 7026078650

MANAGERS

New Branch Hiring.
Opportunity for Retired, VRS, Self Employed, Teachers, Homemakers.
Fixed Pay & Incentives
50k to 1 Lac per month.
Contact:- 7411088997

LOOKING for a lady Manager / Warden for a reputed Girls PG in Shanthinagar. Accomodation + food + salary. Contact no - 9945027274.

BY QUALIFICATIONS

DIPLOMA HOLDERS

NEED Diploma/Civil Engineer Min 3yrs exp maahigroupscda@gmail.com +91-9900221489

GRADUATES

WANTED
Any Degree holder having working knowledge in MS Office: Excel, Should know Kannada, English & Tamil.
Salary 18K - 20K, FOOD & ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED.
Contact:
85532 98380

THE TIMES GROUP
Readers are recommended to make appropriate enquires and seek appropriate advice before sending money, incurring any expenses, acting on medical recommendations or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this publication. The Times Of India Group doesn't vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers of products and services. The Printer, Publisher, Editor, and Owners of The Times Of India Group publications shall not be held liable for any consequences, in the event such claims are not honoured by the Advertisers.

OTHER PROFESSIONALS

FREE LANCERS

OPPORTUNITY For Free Lancer with Zero Cost in B'lore Earn 1 Lakh PM Govt. Approved Qualif. Min.12th Pass Age: 30yrs & Above. PH: 8217714800

OTHER VACANCIES

MULTIPLE VACANCIES

REQUIRED for CA Office @ SESHADRIPURAM EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTS / AUDIT / FRONT-END / BACK-END ASSISTANTS - (Salary will be 10k to 20k as per experience) Share resume/s to Email : ca.sunilkumar @gmail.com M : 9845285300

LOOKING for a female/male counter staff/office assistant/Account with telly for travel agency @ Matha vacations - 9900296055

PART TIME JOBS

GLOBAL International India's No1 Registered Club Part-Time Job M/F Daily Income 10,000 to 15,000 PF & Esi WhtsApp 9886959077/7022770604

personal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VINITHA RAVI KUMAR W/o Ravi Kumar Venkatesh R/at No.298, Kanakapura Road, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bangalore- 560070 have changed my name to VINITHA GARADI SHASHIDHAR vide affidavit dated: 16/4/2024 Before Notary V.Rajashekhara Bangalore.

I, BABY RUTH NETHALA aged about 65 Years, R/at No.154, 8th Cross, Cil Layout, Cholanagar, RT Nagar Post, Bengaluru- 560032, have changed my name to RUTH ANAND DIDLA vide affidavit dated: 16/4/2024 Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

I, KAUTILYAN BHARATHI W/o Kautilyan Deivasigamani, R/at No.33/1, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Lakkasandra, Bangalore- 560030 have changed my name to BHARATHI G.S vide affidavit dated: 16/4/2024 Before Notary SRINIVASA D Bangalore.

I, MUSTARY BEGUM W/o Rahamathulla Syed Rasool R/at # 1/1 1st A cross Lakshmaiah Compond Padarayanapura Bangalore-560026 have changed my name to MUSTARI BEGUM vide affidavit dated: 17/4/2024 Before Notary K V Mani Bangalore.

I, RAMANA N RAO, S/o. V. Narayana Rao, residing at No.201, Elegant Grandeur, 247 (New No.86), 2nd Main, 7th Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 070, state that my name has been variously mentioned in Bank accounts, Passport, Property Documents, Insurance policies etc., as N. RAMANA RAO, RAMANA RAO N AND RAMANA NARAYANA RAO and shall be changed to RAMANA N RAO as per my Aadhar Card and PAN Card documents.

I, JAYASHREE T K, D/o. Krishnamurthy T P, residing at No.201, Elegant Grandeur, 247 (New No.86), 2nd Main, 7th Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 070, state that my name has been variously mentioned in Bank accounts, Passport, Property Documents, Insurance policies etc., as T K JAYASHREE, T K JAYASRI and Tumkur Krishnamurthy Jayashree and shall be changed to JAYASHREE T K as per my Aadhar Card and PAN Card.

I Lavinia Filomena Victor W/o Lincoln Christopher Victor R/o 205 DS Max Saffron Apt Banaswadi outer ring rd Bangalore 560043 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known Lavinia Filomena Noronha

I Pradeep Vernekar S/O. Shantaram R/o No. 120, Mahaveer Rich Apts , Agb Layout, Hesarghatta Road, Bangalore- 560090 have changed my name to Pradeep Shantaram Vernekar.

I, Laxmeenarayan Ganapati Bhat S/o Ganapati Bhat R/o #74 3rd Main 1st Cross Yelahanka New Town B'lore-560065 have changed my name to Bhat Laxminarayan Ganapati.

I, Syed Aslam Syed Rahamathulla, S/o. Syed Rahamathulla, R/o. No. 6, 7th Cross, 1st Main, Old MG Palya Rd, B'lore-560068, have changed my name to SYED ASLAM vide affidavit Dtd: 17/04/24 before Notary M. Rajendra, B'lore.

I, Anjana Devi W/o Ganapathy Viswanathan R/o No 234, Wing 2, Suguna Upper Crust 1196, Near Global College, Gattigere Extension, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru 560098 I have changed my name from Anjana Devi to Anjana Devi Ravi Sankar vide affidavit no IN-KA583381144967348W dated 16.4.2024

I Namratha Bai Narasinga Rao W/o Pruthvi Raj R R/o #1, 1st Main Road, 3rd Cross, Srikanteshwara Nagar, Bangalore North Bengaluru-560096 have changed my name to Namratha N Pruthvi Raj

I Namrata W/o Ankit Kumar #012, Block B, Sai Gardens, Kempapura Main Rd, Yemalur, Bengaluru 560037 have changed my name to Namrata Verma for all purposes.

I, Vishnu Shrikant S/O, Shrikant Surve R/o 401, The Royal Paradise Apts, Gandhi Nagar, Moodbidri-574227 have changed my name to Vishnu Surve for all purposes.

LOST & FOUND

LOST: I, Mrs.Smita Kelton Shah W/O. Clay Mathes Kelton D/o. N.K.Shah Resi At#201, 2nd Cross,4th Main, Yaseen Nagar, HBR, S Palaya Layout, Karipalaya, Bengaluru-560084 Have Lost The Original Title Deeds That Were Registered In The Office Of The Sub Registrar, Hosur, Krishanagiri District, Tamilnadu Bearing Documents Numbers 497/2000, Dt 14.02.2000,500/2000, Dt 14.02.2000,502/2000, Dt 14.02.2000,2170/2000, Dt 12.06.2000,2386/2000, Dt 23.06.2000,2387/2000, Dt 23.06.2000,2388/2000, Dt 23.06.2000 2838/2000, Dt 23.06.2000,3968/2000, Dt 20.11.2000,3969/2000, Dt 20.11.2000 3970/2000, Dt 20.11.2000,2832/2001, Dt 27.07.2001,2833/2001, Dt 27.07.2001, 4243/2005, Dt 13.05.2005, 4244/2005, Dt 13.05.2005, while travelling from Bangalore to Mumbai. If found please contact: 9109280649 or handover to the nearest police station

GALLERIA

Garbage fires a health concern in RR Nagar

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

dry waste has become a routine in this area. Waste management division is doing their best but some people continue burning waste,'' said Malini, a resident.

Expressing concern over burning of waste on a frequent basis, Shobha Bhat, a resident, said the burning of garbage is rampant at Herohalli and surrounding places.

"The BBMP SWM employees are said to be attending training for the Lok Sabha elections. They have to remove dry waste and dry leaves to avoid miscreants setting it on fire,'' said Bhat.

Dry leaves and garbage set on fire on Wednesday morning

Datta Saraf, a civil defence volunteer, told BM that improper planning of garbage disposal is the main cause for accumulation of dry waste on the roadside. "The BBMP SWM workers start sweeping roads from morning to noon but the garbage tipper will collect the accumulated dry waste next day only. There will be no issues if they clear it on the same day. Some people are calling fire and emergency services personnel to put out garbage fires which will be an additional burden on them,'' said Saraf.

Stating that it has become tough to attend calls pertaining to garbage fires, an employee of Nagarbhavi fire station said fire and emergency personnel rushed to the spot after receiving a phone call about a fire incident.

"We receive five to six phone calls per day from the public regarding fire mishaps. We manage to extinguish grass fires with one bucket of water. The residents themselves would have to put out the fire with a bucket of water instead of calling us. Attending grass fires is a waste of time; it will be difficult to attend fire mishaps taking place at the same time at an apartment complex or business establishment,'' the fire services personnel said.

Meanwhile, assistant executive engineer at the BBMP solid waste management division said the civic body's SWM supervisor and conservancy workers put out a fire of garbage and dry leaves on Tuesday morning.

"Our staff members attended the training for the Lok Sabha elections on Wednesday morning. We will clear garbage on Thursday,'' said the assistant executive engineer.

Your Connect

real estate

FARM HOUSES

BHOOMI FARM
Developed Farmland for Sale Kanakapura
SATHANUR, RS.23 Lacs on wards, Clear Legal Titles, Ready for Regist ration Call: 8951381222 www.bhoomifarm.co.in

THE TIMES GROUP
Readers are recommended to make appropriate enquiries and seek appropriate advice before sending money, incurring any expenses, acting on medical recommendations or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this publication. The Times Of India Group doesn't vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers of products and services. The Printer, Publisher, Editor and Owners of The Times Of India Group publications shall not be held liable for any consequences, in the event such claims are not honoured by the Advertisers.

ADITHYA DMR FARMS
Farmland Near Nelamangala Rs. 799 Per Sft
BANGALORE - MANGALORE highway, with Club House, Ready for Registration.Your Own Cottage. Ct: 9036558777

BANGALORE PROPERTIES

JAYANAGAR

Are You Looking For Luxurious Flat in Jayanagar JP Nagar
Please Visit majesticdevelopers.in
FOR MAJESTIC Fortune Project, Ready for Possession, O.C.Obtained Contact: 9019163704, 95914 67574

YELAHANKA

COLLECTION OF 96 villas with club house & temperature controlled swimming pool. Call: 8050606677

PROPERTY ANCILLARIES

COMMERCIAL PREMISES

RENT/SALE Fully Furnished 16,000Sft. A/C Showroom On Prime Busy Commercial Area, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, B'lore. Ct: 9663001940.

GALLERIA

BHARATH EDUCATION SOCIETY ®
B.E.S. DEGREE COLLEGE
IV Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011
Recognised by UGC. Affiliated to Bengaluru City University.
Reaccredited B++ by NAAC.
✆ 080 - 2663 7295 / 94488 48416
Email: besddcol@yahoo.co.in
Website: www.besinstitutions.edu.in
www.besdegreecollege.in

Sri S.T. Somashekhar
Hon. President, Bharath Education Society
MLA, Yashwantpur Constituency,
Former Minister, Govt of Karnataka

Sri B.L. Lakkegowda
Founder
B.E.S Institutions

SHAPE YOUR CAREER WITH INTEGRATED SKILL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMMES

PROGRAMMES OFFERED FOR : 2024-25
B.Com | B.B.A. | B.C.A.
B.A. HEP HES HEK

Languages Offered: English, Kannada, Hindi & Sanskrit
As per Bengaluru City University Syllabus

B.E.S. EVENING DEGREE COLLEGE
✆ 080-26638415 / 94800 69705 E-mail: besedceve@gmail.com
Reaccredited B by NAAC.
PROGRAMMES OFFERED FOR : 2024-25
B.Com | B.A. HEP HES HEK

Sri..Nirmal Kumar K.R. President, Bharath Education Society
Prof N.S. Vijaya Vice President, Bharath Education Society
Sri M. Krishna Das Secretary, Bharath Education Society
Prof N. Ashok Kumar Principal, BES Degree College
Dr. K.S. Gopalakrishna Principal, BES Evening Degree College

HOSTEL FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR GIRLS

BES-24510

On Rama Navami

Devotees at the Sri Sampangi Ramaswamy temple, SRT Road, Vasanth Nagar, having panaka and butter milk, on the occasion of Rama Navami on Wednesday

Recyclers' certification must for e-waste producers

Central pollution watchdog makes is mandatory for producers to get certificates

To ensure scientific management and safe disposal of electronic waste, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has recently issued a notification under the E-Waste (Management) Rule, 2022.

As per the notification, producers are required to fulfill their Extended Producer's Responsibility (EPR) obligations through the purchase of EPR certificates through registered recyclers. The central pollution watchdog has thus made it mandatory for all recyclers to generate EPR certificates for the quantity of E-Waste recycled by March 31, 2024, by the end of April.

However, city-based Solid Waste Management (SWM) experts say the current monitoring system will only lead to fake certificates generated by the recyclers.

They say producers/importers/brand owners (PIBOs) should be made responsible for recycling E-waste generated.

"EPR certification from recyclers is a recipe for a big scam. This will only create fake certificates as was in the case of Shakti plastics.

The responsibility to recycle should be on PIBOs. For instance, if we see a mobile phone coming to a landfill or in a garbage dump, that mobile phone brand should be paying the penalty. Currently, manufacturers/producers are shying away from their responsibilities by blaming recyclers. Moreover, if E-waste is being collected by urban local bodies or at the panchayat level, the manufacturer or producer should pay for the collection, transportation, segregation, and aggregations," said V Ram Prasad, a solid waste management expert.

However, some experts say the website introduced by CPCB a couple of years ago plugs the gaps that existed when EPRs were generated manually.

"Most of the mismanagement in the issuance of certificates used to happen when EPRs were generated manually. When recycling certificates were manual, one could easily print them, and based on those fake certificates, companies used to file the amount of E-waste that they recycled. No third-party audits used to happen and it was difficult for compliance agencies to monitor it. However, the centralized portal by CPCB since last year has plugged most of these gaps," said Rajesh Babu, co-founder of Swachha Eco Solutions.

Experts say the CPCB's online portal has eliminated the chance of a recycling scam.

"Based on projected sales input provided by PIBOs, the portal generates a recycling target, based on which producers and manufacturers find third-party recyclers. There is little to no chance of faking EPR certificates due to third-party audits too," added Babu. —BMB

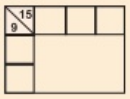
mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
facebook.com/theBangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

In ten years Bob will be two times the age that he was two years ago. How old is he now?

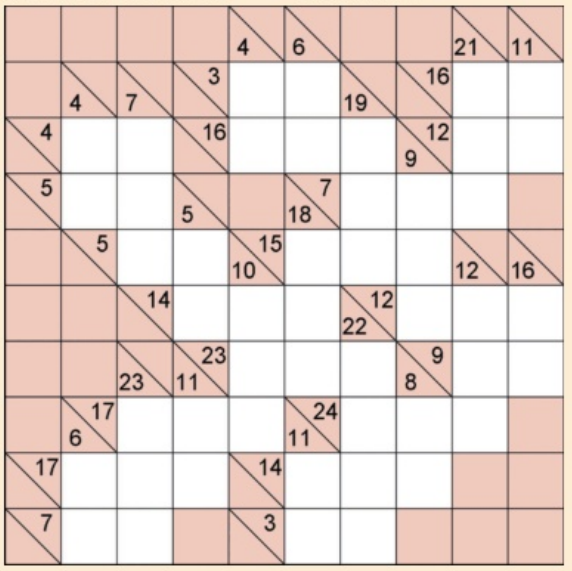
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

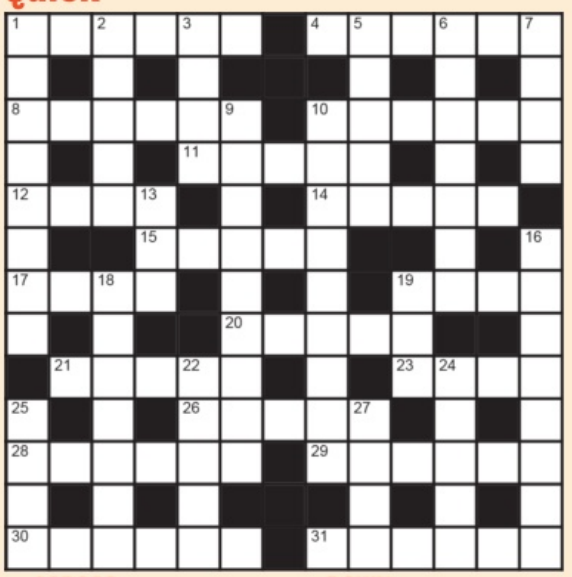


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

1 Request the presence (6)
4 Landed property (6)
8 Social outcast (6)
10 Resentful (6)
11 Unearth (3,2)
12 A crossbred citrus fruit (4)
14 On edge (5)
15 Special influence (5)
17 ___ on : be excessively fond of? (4)
19 Not in favour of (4)
20 Feeble-minded person (5)
21 Turkish inn (5)
23 Limited period of time (4)
26 Biblical hymn (5)
28 Inside stories (6)
29 Annually (6)
30 Bronze, brass, steel, et al. (6)
31 Allocated, apportioned or divided (6)

DOWN

1 Locks away (8)
2 Type of disease – "rival" anagram? (5)
3 Frog-like creature (4)
5 Steal; hit hard (5)
6 Skilled craftsman (7)
7 Makes mistakes (4)
9 Aimed or done carelessly? (3-2-4)
10 Bannerghatta National Park is home to India's first ____ enclosure (9)
13 Frozen water (3)
16 Dejected (8)
18 Three-lobed leaf (7)
19 Social insect (3)
22 Make a request (5)
24 Blunder (5)
25 On the briny (4)
27 Netting (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS C

KXT NGO'I AXUJ GOKXOJ TOIRA KXT TOVJHBIGOV IEGI KXT NGO'I AXUJ JUJHKXOJ.

Linemaro

Should I smile because we are friends, or cry because I know that is what we will ever be?

Mindchow

If people laugh because you're different, laugh at them because they're all the same

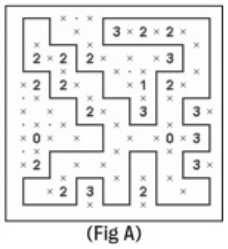
Joke of the day

Money can't buy you friends, but can get you a better class of enemy

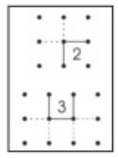
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

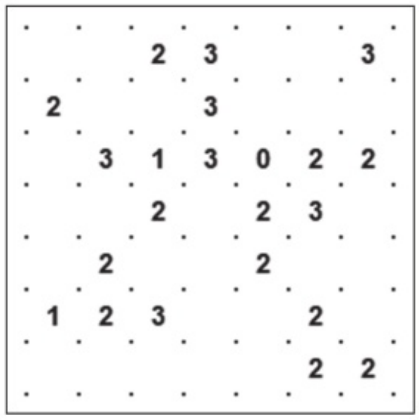


(Fig B) Not Allowed

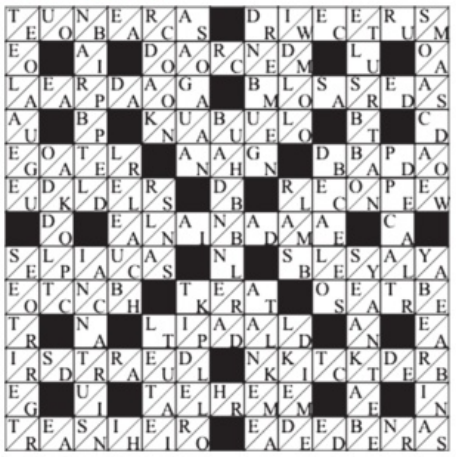
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



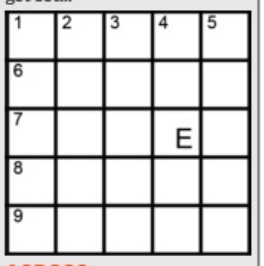
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

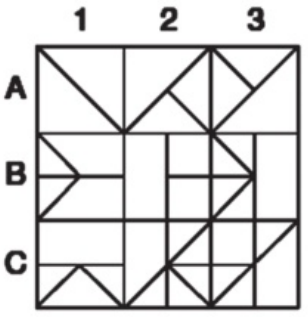
1 Galea; 6 Air at;
7 E teen; 8 Genoa;
9 A fern

DOWN

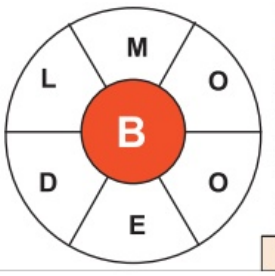
1 At art; 2 Leg ie;
3 Nag of; 4 An are;
5 An tee

Mensapuzzle

Looking at lines across and down, if the first two tiles are combined to produce the third tile, with the exception that like lines or symbols are cancelled out, which of the below tiles is incorrect, and with which tile should it be replaced?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; **12** Good; **14** Outstanding

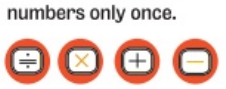
SudokuChallenge

8		4				3		5
		9				1		
			4	1	3			
1		6		7		9		8
	7		3		6		2	
5		3		8		6		4
			6	9	7			
		2				7		
7		5				8		6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 11

4 7 9 9

Medium = 2

4 4 6 7

Hard = 52

2 5 6 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

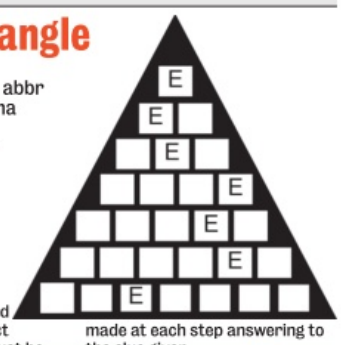
Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Skirt is longer. 3. Sling is different. 4. Hat is tilted. 5. Sign is lower. 6. Walkway is narrower.

Riddler

I am a giant, an ancient king With many a jewel by my neck are hanging Then a monster comes, a heartless thief. The bite so bitter brings me grief. It takes my treasure, my riches untold, My rubies, my emeralds, my silver, my gold. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 Extraterrestrial. abbr
3 All the ----in China
4 Judge
5 Daisy-like flower
6 Speechifies
7 Capital crime



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Bizarrotrip

Popeye

I WONDER IF I JUST THOUGHT THIS HEAD-PIECE CHANGED ME?
I'LL TRY IT ON AGAIN!
I AM VENGEFUL VIPER VELMA, LOOKING FOR EVIL!
GOOD HEAVENS!? I'M FLYING!

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

NEXT PLAY NOMINEES
PETER PAN
THE WIZARD OF OZ
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS: THE MUSICAL
WILDCARD* A RANDOM PLAY WILL BE CHOSEN
DID YOU ALREADY VOTE?
OH, YEAH. AND I KNOW WHAT'S GONNA WIN.
"THE WIZARD OF OZ."
"PETER PAN."
WAIT, WHAT?

Crankshaft

THE DOCTOR SAID THAT A MASSAGE WOULD HELP WITH THE WHIPLASH!
WELL, I DON'T THINK IT'S NECESSARY...
AND, AS SOON AS I CAN STAND UP AND RAISE MY HEAD, I'M GOING TO LOOK YOU IN THE EYE AND SAY THAT!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be happy and have good patience, which may reflect in your way of working. You may complete your task in an efficient way, and you may be able to control your opponents. You may plan to visit some religious places and make a donation there or to a charity. Lovebirds may develop trust in their relationship.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel unhappy and dull, which affects your way of working, and there may be some delay in the completion of your projects. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic lives. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rush-hour driving. Lovebirds may have had some breakups. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel positive vibrations around you. Things are under control, and you may plan to start a new business as a partnership. You may expect some long-distance travel as well. You will have faith in your spouse, which will bring harmony to your domestic life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may perform your best in the office and may get good incentives for your work as well. You may have a good bond with the boss, and you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured now. Disputes with the siblings may be resolved now. A job seeker may find a new job.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel that your life has become challenging. You need to have patience and may take some advice from your elders to survive in the given situation. Kids' education may upset you, and you may have a short trip in terms of their academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making any investments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you will be a victim of dissatisfaction. You may not get the result of your hard work, which may cause disappointment. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a new contract. Investment in the assets may also be possible. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be busy with social get-togethers and family occasions. It may increase your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip. Disagreements between siblings will be resolved now. Your subordinates may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project. Your confidence may be high, and you are advised to keep your patience while interacting with anyone.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be busy with family get-togethers, and you may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money on buying some artefacts and other things that will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

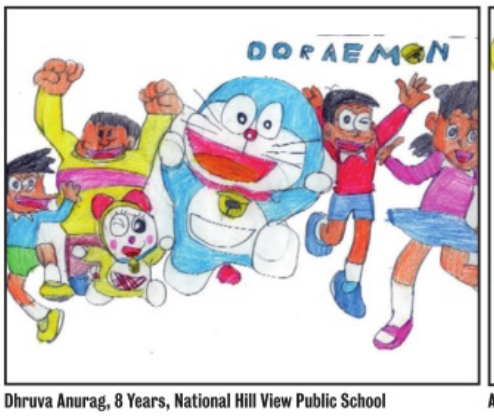
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, happiness may be around you, and it can help you enjoy your day-to-day work. Your vital power may help you make difficult decisions, which will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan for a work-related short trip. Subordinates and colleagues may support you in completing your work on time. Students may find themselves more focused on their studies. You are advised to control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull, and sleeplessness may affect your mental and physical health as well. You may also be upset due to the health issues of a family member. Your expenditure on worthless stuff may affect your savings. You may be a victim of a conspiracy, so you are advised to keep an eye on your opponents.

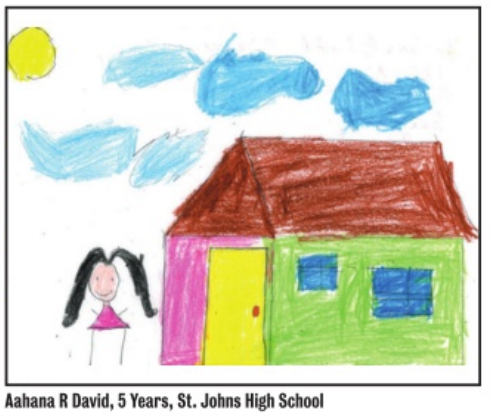
Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may make quick decisions, which may have benefits in the near future. You may expect some new source of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your partner, you may invest some amount in the business, which may be profitable in the near future. Your understanding of the spouse may be increased, which may result in harmony in domestic life.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy at your office. Due to mental tiredness, you may not be able to give time to your family. With the help of the elder's blessings, job seekers may get a high position at the workplace, and managers may get promoted to top management. Professionally, you may do better; you may get rewards, which may increase your status.

KIDZONE



Dhruva Anurag, 8 Years, National Hill View Public School



Aahana R David, 5 Years, St. Johns High School

Kidzone, Bangalore Mirror, No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011;
Please send hard copies of your artwork in A4 size only.

SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Let present age be x
x+10=2(x-2)
2x-x=10+4
x=14

RIDDLER
A tree. monster = winter and jewels = leaves

FAST FIVE

A	L	G	A	E
T	I	A	R	A
T	E	N	E	T
A	G	O	N	E
R	E	F	A	N

QUOTE UNCODE
You can't love anyone until you understand that you can't love everyone.

STRIKE OUT

T	U	N	E	R	S		D	I	C	T	U	M		
E	A		O	A	R	E	D		U		O			
L	A	P	D	O	G		B	O	A	R	D	S		
U	P		K	A	B	U	L		B		C			
G	A	E	L		N	A	G		D	A	D	O		
U	D	D	E	R		B		R	E	N	E	W		
	O		A	L	A	B	A	M	A		A			
E	P	I	C	S		L		S	L	Y	L	Y		
E	T	C	H		T	E	T		S	A	T	E		
R		A		T	I	D	A	L		N		A		
A	S	H	E	R		A	D	D	E	R	S			
E		U		T	E	H	E	E		E		N		
I	S	R	A	E	L		K	I	C	K	E	R		
S	C	O	O	P	S		Y	E	A	R	L	Y		
A		F		P	S	A	L	M		R		A		
S	E	R	A	I		F		T	E	R	M			
D	O	T		R		E		A	N	T	I			
N		C	L	O	U	T		A		D				
U	G	L	I		T		T	E	N	S	E			
O		A		D	I	G		U	P		I		S	
P	A	R	I	A	H		B	I	T	T	E	R		
M	I		O			W		R		R				
I	N	V	I	T	E		E	S	T	A	T	E		

QUICK

					S	H	A	R	E	D				

MENSA PUZZLE
Tile 3C is incorrect and should be replaced by tile C.

BULL'S EYE
bled, blood, bloom, BLOOMED, bode, bold, bole, boodle, booed, boom, boomed, lobe, lobed, oboe

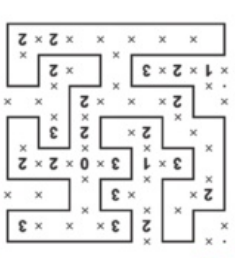
SUDOKU

8	1	4	7	2	9	3	6	5
2	3	9	8	6	5	1	4	7
6	5	7	4	1	3	2	8	9
1	4	6	5	7	2	9	3	8
9	7	8	3	4	6	5	2	1
5	2	3	9	8	1	6	7	4
3	8	1	6	9	7	4	5	2
4	6	2	1	5	8	7	9	3
7	9	5	2	3	4	8	1	6

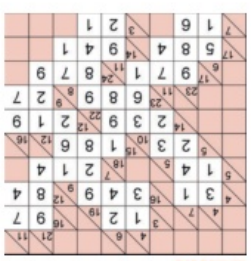
ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, ET, Tea, Rate, Aster, Orates, Treason.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 9 + 4 − 9 = 11
Medium
6 + 4 + 4 / 7 = 2
Hard
5 + 2 + 6 x 4 = 52

LOOP



KAKURO



Volume No 17, Issue No 078 RNI NO:KARENG/2007/21142 Published for the Proprietors, Metropolitan Media Company Ltd by R.J. Prakashan at No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011 and printed by him at Bennett Coleman & Co Ltd., The Times of India Press, No. 9/10/11-A, 4th Main, KIADB Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560 099 (Phones : Press : 080-22899999; Editorial : 080-40877666, Fax – 40877545, Registered Office: No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru - 560 011, Email : mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com Editor : Ms. Seena Menon - responsible for selection of news under PRB Act. © Reproduction in whole or in part without the written permission of the Publisher is prohibited.

 # Influential Alia
Actor Alia Bhatt has made it to TIME's 100 most influential people of 2024 list. 'Heart of Stone' director Tom Harper wrote about her in the magazine, describing her as a "truly international star"

Journey of motherhood

Yami reveals how husband Aditya has been pillar of support throughout pregnancy

Actor Yami Gautam Dhar is reveling in both personal and professional milestones. As her film Article 370 continues its successful run in theaters for over 50 days, Yami is also preparing for the arrival of her first child with filmmaker husband Aditya Dhar.

Yami shares her joy as she enjoys the final phase of her pregnancy. She reveals the preparations underway to welcome their new addition, which includes the support of her family in Mumbai and the upcoming arrival of her sister Surilie.

Yami emphasizes her traditional approach, explaining that they don't plan on creating a dedicated nursery, but will make adjustments and baby-proof the house as needed when the baby starts moving around. She acknowledges the excitement and anticipation of this new phase, even as she expects some challenges along the way.

Aditya Dhar, known for his calm demeanor, has been a pillar of support for Yami throughout her pregnancy. She shares that he constantly checks on her well-being, asking her what she feels like eating or doing each day. Aditya has even provided Yami with reading material, including Amar Chitra Katha and the Ramayana, as a nod to her mother's habits when she was pregnant with Yami and her sister. Additionally, Yami finds solace in listening to the music of the late legendary artist MS Subbulakshmi.

On the professional front, Yami beams with pride as Article 370 celebrates its 50th day in theaters. Coming off another success with OMG 2 earlier in the year, Yami acknowledges the positive reception from audiences and peers alike. **—ETimes**

New hobby

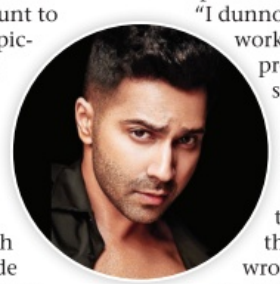
Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, who was last seen in the action film 'Fighter', has a new hobby. While the actress awaits the arrival of her baby with her husband Ranveer Singh, she is enjoying the process of embroidery.

The actress took to her social media and shared a picture of her artwork. However, she also dropped hints that she may not be consistent with it and complete the artwork owing to her schedule.

The picture shows a less-than-half-done piece of embroidery. She wrote in the caption, "Hopefully I'll be able to share the completed version".

Meanwhile, on the work front, the actress has a slew of projects lined up for the release. She will be next seen in the Amitabh Bachchan, Prabhas and Kamal Haasan-starrer film 'Kalki 2898 AD'. The film, which is mounted on a huge scale, is said to be a fusion of Indian mythology and sci-fi. **—IANS**

Friendly banter



Actor Varun Dhawan dropped a dapper picture of himself, and his banter with 'Citadel: Honey Bunny' co-star Samantha Ruth Prabhu left fans amused.

The 'Bhediya' actor on Wednesday took to his Instagram account to post a dashing picture of himself.

The actor looked dashing in a black shirt as he posed for the camera in the image. Although he didn't include any text in the caption, he added an eyes emoji.

Shortly after he posted the picture, Varun's co-star from Citadel: Honey Bunny, Samantha Ruth Prabhu, quickly responded to the post. The actress wrote, "Who this teenager?" and in response to this, he replied, "I dunno I think he's working with this pretty hot girl this summer in a series."

Varun's fans also thronged his comments section reacting to the post. A fan wrote, "Damn your eyes." Another fan commented, "My Childhood Crush." **—ANI**

Getting into character

Parineeti Chopra has recently made headlines for her outstanding performance in the film 'Amar Singh Chamkila,' where she plays the role of Amarjot Kaur. The film's success has been lauded by audiences, and Parineeti's dedication to her role is evident in her decision to gain 15 kilograms for the part. In a recent interview with Bollywood Hungama, Parineeti discussed her experience gaining weight for the film and how it affected her career.

Director Imtiaz Ali advised her to gain weight and minimize makeup to authentically portray Amarjot Kaur. Parineeti agreed, saying she wanted to fully commit to her role, even though industry friends warned her against gaining weight as it could negatively impact her career.

Due to the weight gain and her focus on the film, Parineeti chose to limit her public appearances and avoid the red carpet scene. She revealed that during this time, she missed out on work opportunities and faced rumors regarding pregnancy and plastic surgery. Despite the challenges, Parineeti expressed her preference for roles like Amarjot Kaur over fashion statements and public appearances. She noted that she doesn't regret her decision and is proud of her work. Drawing inspiration from fellow actress Vidya Balan, who gained weight for her role in "The Dirty Picture," Parineeti is determined to prioritize her craft. **—ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

In other languages

Arun Amukta, an advertisement film designer who graduated as a director with Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare, is on cloud nine after sealing the deal for Malayalam theatrical rights of his maiden film.

"A well-known Malayalam movie distributor has decided to dub Kannada movie Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare into Malayalam and release it across Kerala and other places simultaneously. The distributor was very much impressed after watching the movie," said director Arun Amukta.

The director said that talks are on to dub it into Hindi. "We are yet to take a final decision on it. We are also in talks with some TV channels to sell its satellite rights," the director said.

The audio rights of the movie are bought by T-Series of Mumbai. "T-Series has paid a good amount for the audio rights of this movie," he said.

Hamsaleka returns

Good news for music lovers. Music director Nadabramha Hamsaleka returns to Sandalwood after a long gap by writing lyrics and scoring music for the movie Kaljiga which is expected to be dubbed into Tulu language.

"I agreed to compose music for this movie because of its script and director. I declined to compose music for around 40 Kannada movies in the recent years but I could not say no to director Suman Suvarna when he approached me," said Hamsalekha.

Hamselekha was the chief guest at a function organised to release the movie's title poster on Monday at SRV Theater, Malleswaram.

Suman Survarna, who worked for movies Tulu Girgit and Circus, debuts as an independent director in Sandalwood with this movie. Arjun Kapikad, known as King of Action in Tulu film industry, is playing the lead while Sushmita Bhat is paired opposite him. Sharath Kumar A K of SK Group is bankrolling the movie.

The dialogues are laced with Mangaluru diction. "The movie is about what happens if righteous people are troubled by bad elements," the director said.